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Spreading the spirit of the season

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Mackenzie Oxley, Aden Addison and Emery Bagshaw helped their class sing a song about cookies for Santa at an assembly at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on the morning of Dec. 23. See more photos on page 14.

Legion member given high honour

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Minden Legion honoured one of its own last week, as Georgina Parkes was given a life membership.

"They're not given out very often," said Fran-

cine Newton, the branch's honours and awards chairwoman, before a presentation at the Legion on Dec. 22.

Joining the Legion in 1998, Parkes has served on its executive since 2000.

"She's held just about every chair," Newton said, explaining Parkes has served as sports officer, treasurer, seniors' committee chairwoman and branch president.

Parkes, currently the chairwoman of the Legion's poppy fund, received a plaque and a crest identifying her as a life member of the Legion.

"I enjoy the companionship . . . I can't just sit at home," Parkes told the *Times*.

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Parkes has served on executive for more than 10 years

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"We also help out veterans and support them when they need support. That gives me a lot of gratification."

Before she joined the Legion, Parkes was a member of the ladies' auxiliary, where she also served in a number of roles.

"My husband was in the Legion," Parkes said, laughing and explaining that friends had encouraged her to join as well. "My husband said, 'No, she's not joining the Legion, or I'll never see her.'

After her husband, Harold, passed away, Georgina would eventually join the organization, where she's been an active member ever since.

"I will continue to do so as long as I can," she said.

HAPPY NEW YEAR! **The Highlands Weekender**

December, 29 2011

E-books explode in popularity

Bessie's Books and other things

Bessie Sullivan County Librarian

2011 was a busy year at the Haliburton County Public Library. We will be looking back on the year and I thought this would be a good opportunity to highlight some of the items we experienced throughout the past year.

November we had reached 125,620 circulations as compared to 114,100 in 2010. The most significant difference for this year was the explosion of e-books being borrowed by the library card holders in our County. Libraries count circulation of e-books as part of their total circulation. DVDs as an electronic download.

There are 10,000 cardholders in the County of Haliburton which represents 45% of our population. That means that 45% of the people in our County are members of the Haliburton County Public Library.

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Georgina Parkes hugs friend and fellow Legion member Francine Newton after Newton presented her with a life membership to the Legion on the afternoon of Dec. 22. The honour is a rare one.

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County waits on more information for Walker's Auto demolition

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

County council will be waiting for more information before it issues a tender for the demolition of the old Walker's Auto Repair building along Highway 35 in Minden.

Councillors made the decision during their Dec. 14 meeting.

The property, purchased by the county last year, will house its new EMS base and possibly a new Minden Hills fire hall.

Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey wanted to know when the county might see documentation on where the new building(s) would be located on the property.

This might make a difference in when it would be most logical and cost-effective to raze the old garage, he reasoned.

Roads department superintendent Doug Ray thought preliminary plans for the location of building would be available in February.

"As stated in the last meeting when we had this discussion, Minden Hills is fine with the spring of 2012," said Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid.

At a late-November council meeting, Reid said a complaint was coming forward against the county under Minden

Hills's property standards bylaw and the county would be forced to remove building if plans for its demolition were not firmed up.

"I'm just curious as to what section you're using to declare this as a property standards issue," Fearrey told Reid on Wednesday. "Because I can't find it anywhere in the bylaw where this fits as a property standards issue."

"I'm happy to refer you to staff and get you a report on that," Reid responded.

"I'd just like to understand myself," Fearrey said. "I did read your bylaw . . . I don't think it's there. I'll go over it with you so you can see where I'm coming from."

A resolution was then read, calling on councillors to accept Ray's report and issue a tender for the building's removal.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt was opposed, saying she couldn't support a request for proposals for the job at this stage of the project.

"I think that we should wait until we know what's going to happen on that land and then decide what's the best course of action in getting equipment on the land once, as opposed to twice," Moffatt said.

"It's just to get the tender," Reid said of the motion. "I'm not sure what's the harm in getting the tender."

Fearrey said it would make more sense to wait and issue the tender when the county was more sure of when the

building would come down.

"I thought that it was understood that it was a spring removal, anyway," Reid said.

"It might depend on how busy the contractors are then . . . I don't know . . . I don't see the rush myself," Fearrey responded. "It's up to council, here, what they want to do."

Moffatt reiterated why she thought holding off on the tender was the best option.

"I think it's prudent for the removal to happen when the removal should happen," she said. "And we don't know that yet because we haven't had the presentations, we haven't seen the footprint, the prices . . . there's too many unknowns. In the traditional course of action in a construction project, there's a place for the tender and the removal and I don't think that it's now."

Councillors voted, unanimously, to wait to issue the tender until after more information is received.

The combined cost for the demolition and removal of the old garage as well as an estimated 300 cubic metres of contaminated soil from the site is \$74,000.

Ray has confirmed the contaminated soil can be taken to the landfill.

Minden Hills and the county are partnering on a space needs study on the property for \$10,000 each.

The county purchased the property in the spring of 2010 for \$385,000.

Walls go up in Minden Canadian Tire

Right, Canadian Tire has been taking advantage of the weather. Last week, walls were popping up at the site of the new store at the corner of Highway 35 and Water Street.

Far right, excavation crews were hard at work last week.

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New bursary for Kinmount-area students

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A new bursary for Kinmount-area high school students pursuing post-secondary education will be available in the fall of 2012.

A number of community members have come together to form a board that will be fundraising for the bursary.

"I started thinking of what really are the needs?" said Khosrow Eshkour, the owner of the Kinmount Pharmacy who's been in the area for seven years now. "What can we do to make a difference, a long-term difference? I started thinking a bursary fund is something that is needed and would make a difference."

He met with other community members – Jane Austin, Dr. Elena Mihu, Vic Ballick, Chris Weerdenburg and Lynne Ashbridge – who thought the idea was a good one and they began raising funds.

"Our sole sort of target is businesses in the area," Eshkour said. "When you look at it, look at social responsibility of each business, most of us make money from the community we live in. We should re-invest in the community."

According to Eshkour, about 30 per cent of high school students from the Kinmount area go on to pursue post-secondary education.

"I think that's low," he said.

The group is aiming to raise \$5,000 for the bursary fund this year, with monies being given out in September.

Students will be able to receive up to \$1,500 each.

In order to apply, they must be from Kinmount or the surrounding region and accepted for OSAP.

In succeeding years, Eshkour hopes the bursary fund will reach \$10,000 and said at that time, the criteria may be changed to allow students from out of the Kinmount area to apply.

"Right now, we don't know what the demand is," he said.

Eshkour compared the bursary to teaching a man to fish.

"Once you educate a person, you have educated a generation," he said. "If they do come back [to Kinmount], it is a great asset within the community. Even if some decide not to come back, hopefully we've made a difference."

Application forms are available at the pharmacy and in the future will be available online as well.

Santa brings gifts to children at Ontario Early Years Centre

Chad Ingram Staff
Right, these bells were used for Christmas music-making.

Far right, some kids were less pleased to see Santa than others.



Two-year-old Harper Gooley opens the gift she received from Santa.



Sierra Moore tells Santa Claus what she wants for Christmas at Minden's Ontario Early Years Centre on Dec. 21.

Rural perspective on housing and service delivery

Fay Martin

Special to the Times

The following essay was first published by Viewpoint, a newsletter of Canadian Pensioners Concerned.

Rural communities are by definition geographically far flung. And it has come to be accepted that economy of scale decrees that small dispersed populations cannot expect that all the services they need will be locally available.

Transportation is therefore more crucial than in densely populated settlements to bringing needs and services together. While being in physical touch with other people may be a human need, public transportation cannot be institutionally delivered in a cost-effective way.

Transportation is therefore relegated to the private realm, where, because it is not paid for, it is not valued.

Except, of course, when it isn't there. When transportation isn't available, housing becomes untenable.

When the needs of the resident cannot be met, the resident needs to move because the house can't.

And when the resident moves, she will lose much of her social capital, that network of community by which human needs are met – for free, as gifts of humanity. A citizen without social capital is an expensive citizen.

The institutional response to this challenge has been to transform community into a commodity, something that is bought and sold.

This depersonalizes and dehumanizes human interaction. The idea that it is in human nature to give when possible and take when needed gives way to the idea that we are indebted to people who help us, and that when we give, it is with the expectation of getting a return. It is no longer a gift but an investment.

It is no longer an act of community, of being one among a mix of others who

together manage better than they would alone, but the setting up of a balance sheet.

For example: Instead of picking up your friend and going with her when she has a colonoscopy, you become a volunteer for Community Care who picks up people who presumably don't have friends available – poor social capital – and drop them off at the clinic and pick them up later and receive from the agency a mileage stipend.

The transported person has been transformed into a drain on the public purse and an indebted neighbour. You have been transformed into an underpaid taxi driver.

Let's examine the assumption that people must go to services rather than have services come to them.

It's relatively new. In earlier days in our rural country, doctor and minister and midwife came to those who needed their services, well before roads were paved and cars were warm. The assumption then was that citizens had rights and professionals had responsibilities and they culminated in a human exchange. Now professionals have rights and citizens have responsibilities, and their relationship is mediated by institutions.

This reversal was made possible by redefining value. Value was determined not by importance but by cost. All services could therefore be reduced to a financial formula – X service for Ycost. Thus positioned, the responsible question became how the service could most cheaply be provided. Context was lost. Expenditure of public and private money alike became a cost, not an investment. The right of private capital to "earn" a profit was assumed. The scene is set for rural communities to be punished by the logical application of economy of scale.

Once transportation was reduced to a financial formula, it was a simple act of accounting to exclude private transportation. Unless paid for by someone (else), it was a lifestyle choice and therefore a per-

sonal cost.

We got used to this: driving to work was a personal cost, driving to a conference in Toronto was an agency cost. My commute to work was my time, driving to a meeting in Peterborough was agency time.

This thinking has been invaluable in protecting the health budget, particularly as the number and scope of specialists involved in monitoring good health, let alone treating bad health, has increased exponentially.

By simply decreeing that patients come to professionals, the matter of getting there is off-loaded to the individual and disappears from the health budget. In urban centres, some ameliorating actions can be taken – giving patients a transit ticket, setting up alternative group transport, locating labs next to hospital complexes.

In rural communities such as mine, where medical service is pretty much limited to family doctors and palliative care, it means a lot of road work, anywhere and everywhere within a 300 kilometre radius.

Our EMS manager has taken to reporting on the cost to the health system of transferring hospital patients to and from within this far-flung medical system. It's very expensive. The real cost to the community for transporting patients to medical services is many times that, if the

invisible cost of personal transportation were to be included.

If personal transportation – people driving themselves and people driving others – were withdrawn, our community would be virtually without medical care (and other essentials of life, of course, such as groceries and human contact). When I facilitated recently a series of focus groups on Aging in Place, this state of affairs was accepted rather passively as the predictable consequence of choosing to live our later years rurally.

But is this as it should be? Is it fair and right? What proportion of our rights as citizens to publicly-funded services, to which our tax dollars contribute, should be withheld? Who should decide? By whom and how should our rights be defined and monitored, perhaps even protected? What price is the right price to pay for living in rural Canada?

I long for a transparent and public discussion.

And so, I believe, should those of you who don't live rurally. I think we older people who live in rural communities are the canaries in the coal-mine.

From our vantage point, it seems clear that unless there is radical change in how we value community and society and country, we or those who come behind us are doomed to a Dickensian dystopia.

I wish a more humane legacy for my children and grandchildren.



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Top 10 stories of 2011

WHILE IT MAY BE difficult to believe, 2011 has come to end. The western half of Haliburton County has witnessed numerous events, some tragic, some triumphant, in the last year.

And so, for your reading pleasure this week, I've compiled a top-10 list of what I thought were the biggest stories of the past 12 months.

10. Water tower

Albeit a bit behind schedule, Minden Hills's water tower becomes operational, increasing the village's capacity for growth.

9. Riverwalk

Minden Hills celebrates the opening of the Riverwalk boardwalk, making Riverwalk the longest fully accessible trail in the county.

8. Roller derby

Under the direction of Kayla Wilkins, the Highland Roller Girls become a successful sporting startup. Wilkins goes on to compete in the first-ever derby world cup.

7. Ross Rigney dies

The community mourns as the last reeve of Snowdon township and the first reeve of the amalgamated Minden Hills township passes away. Rigney was also co-founder of the local prostate cancer support group.

6. Schultz resigns



Chad Ingram
Reporter

3. Canadian Tire

After years of work by councillors and staff of Minden Hills township and considerable apprehension within the community, Canadian Tire breaks ground on its store at the corner of Highway 35 and Water Street. The store, scheduled to open this spring, is expected to create between 25 and 50 jobs.

2. Scott beats Johnson

Bouncing back from the John Tory debacle of 2009, Laurie Scott beats former MPP Rick Johnson in the provincial election, reclaiming her seat in Queen's Park.

1. Ryan Kennedy

The life of 21-year-old Ryan Kennedy is cut short when he's killed at a home off South Lake Road.

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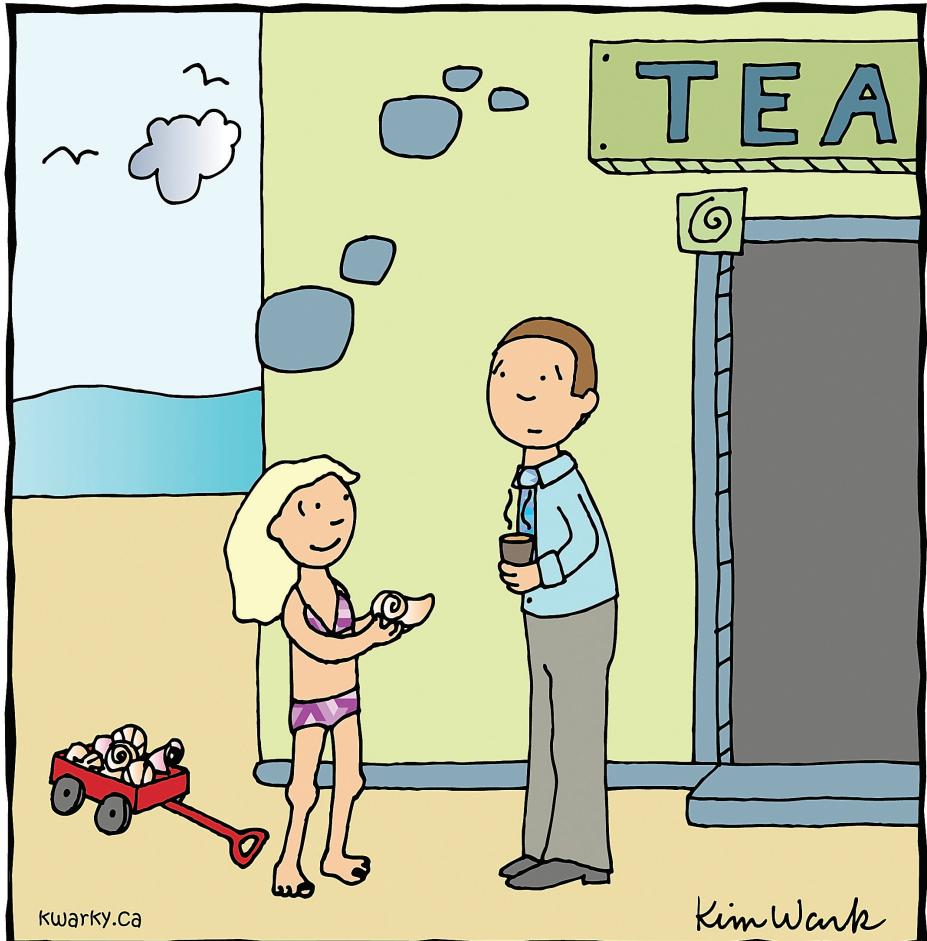
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letters to the editor

Scott votes against speech

To the Editor,

I was disappointed to see that our local representative, Laurie Scott, voted against the recent speech from the throne at Queen's Park. Although Miss Scott won the recent election, the vast majority of people in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock voted for the two parties who supported the throne speech, which sets out the direction of the government.

The speech from the throne laid out a plan to build a strong, competitive economy that creates good jobs and supports the services our families need. So just what did she vote against?

• A plan to implement full-day kindergarten for 250,000 four- and five-year-olds by 2014;

• provide 60,000 new spaces in colleges and universities;

• reduce college and university tuition by 30 per cent for families earning less than \$160,000 per year, starting with the semester beginning Jan. 1, 2012;

• select three sites for new undergraduate campuses; to introduce two-way, all-day GO train service for Ontarians living in the GTA and Greater Golden Horseshoe - creating 68,000 new jobs;

• implement Healthy Homes Renovation Tax Credit, worth up to \$1,500 annually;

• increase home care services for seniors;

• to press for a new, 10-year Health Accord with the federal government;

• continue the 10 per cent Clean Energy Benefit;

• to continue to implement the RISK Management program for farmers;

• balance the budget by 2017/2018;

• reduce the Ontario Public Service by five per cent by March 2012, and by an additional two per cent by 2014;

• find \$200 million in savings at major agencies by 2014;

• a plan to combat bullying in schools.

Scott voted non-confidence in the government in an attempt to trigger another election and overturn the government. Is that what the people want? Another election? Would that be prudent use of public dollars? Of course, Miss Scott has triggered unwanted elections before without regard for public dollars so maybe we are seeing a pattern here. I promise to continue to speak out for the residents in HKLB when I feel the need. I believe that once elected, an MPP represents all of the residents of their riding. Don't forget the majority next time you stand to vote Laurie!

Rick Johnson
Pontypool

points of view

II news

NOW THAT CHRISTMAS has passed, I think it's high time we address one of the big international news stories of 2011. Of course, I'm referring to recently announced death of North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il.

First off, who would have thought it was even possible?

I mean, according to the North Korean state-run media, Kim was eternal and born on a sacred Korean mountain under a double rainbow - which, if I'm not mistaken, gets you bonus points in at least one of the Mario Brothers games. Furthermore, we're told that when the Glorious Leader popped out of the womb, a new star literally shone in the heavens.

The Russians, on the other hand, say their records prove he was born in Siberia.

Suddenly, I'm not sure what to think.

I mean do we believe the North Koreans or the Russians?

I'm not sure, but it seems to me that the North Koreans ought to know Kim a little more intimately - as evidenced their other claim in which they swear that he never once defecated.

Interesting to be sure, but of all the wild claims made about Kim, this is the one I find hardest to believe. True, he did always seem to be in a perpetually bad mood and perhaps this rare medical condition readily explains why. But, if it were the case, his must surely rate as the world's most severe case of constipation.



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

If so, the West missed a golden opportunity to bring peace and stability to that region of the world. Had we known of this condition before his untimely demise, we could have given him a plane load of bran flakes, a case of high-grade Cottonelle and some plug-in air fresheners as a peace offering. Then a week or so later, after he stepped out of the washroom, we might have been able to negotiate a long overdue peace in that region.

But all this is unimportant now. What is important is what happens to that country and the area from here on in.

Right now, things don't look good. The North Korean regime has claimed that the sky over their sacred moun-

tain turned red for a while just after KJI's death. And they were aggressive in their demands that the South Korean Republic show some respect - which they apparently have made efforts to do.

Meanwhile, Western media is reporting that the North Korean press is in overdrive, publishing poems and glorifying a man who caused far too much suffering to his people.

It's hard for us regular people to understand. Then again, maybe this constipation is even more widespread than we know. I have no definitive proof of this, of course. Then again, if you read anything written by the North Korean press, it's apparent that Kim Jong Il isn't the only one who is full of it.

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Turning nature into a zoo

THIS IS BETTER than any painting, this mural come to life on the other side of your picture window, these deer so calm and lovely feeding on the bait you have set out for them.

They might look up and around for a moment, listening to the woof of a neighbour's dog or turning to see if the coyotes who followed them out of the woods are lurking nearby.

For Haliburton deer and coyotes alike are in the early stages of a human-engineered process that seems bent on changing them from wild animals into livestock and our backyards into zoos.

The transformation is not nearly so far advanced as in Colorado, or in a small town in British Columbia, but the shift of one winter herd from the deep woods to the Highway 35 corridor is dramatic.

A generation ago, as many as 2,000 deer yarded up each winter in Hindon Township. Their yard included much of the township, which is largely undeveloped.

It was a good place for deer, with plenty of conifers to shelter them from the weather and heavy logging that promoted new growth for them to nibble on.

The logging is lighter now, but that hardly explains why last winter there were no deer there at all. The population has moved into human neighbourhoods near the highway, where kindly, well-meaning souls make living a whole lot easier for a deer.

In a more natural setting, deer live through the winter months in a kind of four-legged semi-hibernation, slowing down their metabolic rate so that the fat they pack on in the fall gets them through the winter.

Even the best browse, the twigs of maples and the needles of hemlock and cedar, for example, is low in energy and protein. Mostly, it provides bulk. Think of the fat they started out with as their capital.

Like a sleeping bear, they spend that capital to keep themselves alive through the winter. It is normal for a deer to lose 20 per cent of its weight by spring.

As the winter deepens, deer spend a lot of time just resting, living off their fat, looking for a sunny slope. Starvation is a constant threat but, forced to make a choice, a herd will choose good cover over food.



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

Knowing what a hard time deer have getting through the winter in the wild, backyard feeding seems like the right moral decision for anybody who cares about nature.

I suppose that depends on your view of nature. There is nothing natural about feeding animals who would otherwise starve. What you are doing is interfering with a natural cycle.

Even if you feed them oats and corn and alfalfa pellets, deer still snack on twigs and needles for dessert. If artificial feeding supports

too many snackers, they'll clean your neighbourhood out of new growth.

Winter is a population control. If feeding keeps cold and snow from taking their normal toll, there will be more animals than the summer vegetation can support.

Once you start feeding, you're committed. Your artificial feed is so much more nutritious than twigs and needles that fed deer don't slow down their metabolic rate as they would in the wild. They'll need more calories and they may not be able to digest twigs and needles.

Deer headed for a dependable

source of food take risks to get there, drowning on lake crossings. Feeding draws deer to our roads, where encounters between deer and Oldsmobiles rarely turn out well.

Feeding leads to familiarity and breeds contempt. You deprive a wild animal of its best defence, fear of humans.

In Boulder, Colo., well-fed deer feasting on suburban shrubbery chase homeowners back indoors. A small town in British Columbia is culling its herd after a protective doe stomped a dog that had been watching from a distance.

Dog-stomping is one thing. On the Internet, a deer knocks down a fat man and then tramples him. Nothing like that has happened here, but some Haliburton deer just can't be chased away from flowerbeds.

Feed deer and you're putting your interests ahead of theirs. Last I heard, Haliburton was supposed to be a natural work of art. If you haven't started feeding this winter, don't.

Let nature take its course.

Neil Campbell's book, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets, is available in stores across Haliburton County.

neilcampbell@xplornet.ca

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Take a walk through winter's paradise

Mike Baum
Special to the *Times*

Dorset's landscape in December is compellingly beautiful. The town comes to life under a white blanket of snow beside the inky black waters of the narrows. A giant hill to the north rises like a sentinel. The lookout tower and one-lane bridge wink with Christmas lights – a perfect beacon to Santa!

As the invigorating, cold air calms and intensifies by nightfall, a thin layer of wood smoke from fireplaces forms over the treetops.

Trading Bay crackles and groans while the ice forms and expands in curving patterns. Freshly fallen snow softens the rolling topography and invites one to make fresh tracks and explore.



Orillia OPP detachment gets Haliburton commander

Sara Ross
QMI Agency

Orillia's acting detachment commander, Staff Sgt. Malcolm Quigley, comes from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment, where he is detachment commander.

The 49-year-old said Orillia is a much larger and busier detachment.

"I think it's an opportunity to see a larger operation and gain some experience," Quigley said.

In his first month, Quigley has been adapting to the administration and operations of a larger detachment.

"Policing is policing, but it is a bigger

operation. I'm just learning how they do things here."

Quigley is hoping to leave a good impression.

"If I can in any way have a positive impact [on the detachment], that will be better for the community."

The temporary move is not a concern, Rick Fraracci, chair man of the Orillia

Police Services Board, said.

"It's not as if he's not accustomed to municipal policing and managing front-line police officers."

Quigley is also sitting on the OPSB in the interim.

"Our position as a board is to provide the new detachment commander [with] backing and support," said Fraracci.

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

January 2nd

Administration Offices Open

January 3rd

Cultural Centre Open

January 7th

Town Hall meeting at Community Center

January 12th

COTW Meeting (10:00 public session)

January 16th

Community Engagement - Municipal board room

January 19th

11:00 am
Minden Hills Cultural Centre - Rotary Room
(Library)

January 20th

12:30 pm
Youth Advisory Committee – Scout Hall

January 26th

Council Meeting (10:00 public session)

January 30

10:00 am
Finance Advisory Committee meeting

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WHERE: MINDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Topic: Minden Hills Economic Development Plan,
OPP Update**

For further information contact:
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The Minden Hills Cultural Centre will be closed for the
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Library introduces new hours in 2012

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter



PUBLIC NOTICE Proposed Change of Fees to Building By-law 06-11

TAKE NOTICE pursuant to Section 7 of the Ontario Building Code Act, S.O 1992 Chapter 23 as amended empowers Council to pass certain by-laws respecting construction, demolition, change of use, permits, fees and inspections. The Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands will be holding a **Public Meeting on January 19, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.** in the Council Chambers at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON to consider fee changes to Building By-law 06-11.

AND TAKE NOTICE that any person may attend the meeting, or submit in writing, in support of or objection to the By-law setting out the objection to the By-law and the reasons of the objection.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THE BY-LAW

The purpose of the By-law is to amend Schedule A to Building By-law 06-11 under Administrative Fees section 1, 2, and 3 to be increased by the greater of \$200.00 or 25% for building without first obtaining a permit, failing to comply with an order and failing to comply with a stop work order.

Additional information relating to the by-law amendment is available for review by contacting the Building Department during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Dated at the Township of Algonquin Highlands this 28th day of December, 2011.

Dawn Newhook, Clerk/Planning Administrator
Township of Algonquin Highlands
1123 North Shore Road
Algonquin Highlands, Ontario K0M 1J1
Tel: (705) 489-2379
dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca

The Haliburton County library will be changing the hours of many of its branches in 2012.

The library board approved the changes at their meeting on Dec. 14 in response to a survey conducted amongst library users in 2010. Branches that will have different hours include Wilberforce, Cardiff, Dorset, Gooderham, Highland Grove and Stanhope.

There will be no changes to the Haliburton and Minden hours. One of the conclusions the survey showed was a desire amongst users for more consistent hours.

"We tried to respond to some of the desires that were in there, like people asking if they could have an extra half an hour or more afternoon hours," said Nancy McLuskey,

chairperson of the board.

Another determining factor into the change in hours had to do with the health and safety of library employees.

The current hours meant employees of some of the smaller branches were working late hours alone.

The final results from the survey were just recently compiled, according to McLuskey. McLuskey believes the new hours will be met with a positive response.

"We tried to respond to things that were issues for our patrons."

The new hours will take effect Jan. 3, 2012.

For a complete listing of hours visit www.haliburton-cho.ca.

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5. Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides
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7. Cross Country Skiing
8. Tobogganning
9. Ice Fishing
10. Curling
11. Ice Races
12. Winter Events & Festivals
13. Astronomy
14. Horseback Riding
15. Hockey
16. Rotary Historic Locomotive
17. Hawk Lake Logging Chute
18. Performing Arts

19. Razzamataz Shows
20. Spa's
21. Ice Climbing
22. Fitness Classes
23. Comfort Casual or Fine Dining Cuisine
24. Shopping, the small town way
25. mmmm...Ice Cream Kawartha Dairy
26. Wildlife
27. Art Galleries
28. River Walk
29. Art Studios
30. Skyline Park Lookout
31. Bird Watching
32. Quilters & Needle Workers Group
33. Ontario Early Years Drop in Centre
34. Explore small town Night Life
35. Bowling

36. Wolf Centre
37. Haliburton Highlands Fishing Hatchery
38. Fleming College
39. The Haliburton Highlands Museum
40. Dorset Heritage Museum
41. Stanhope Museum
42. Wilberforce Red Cross Outpost Historic House
43. Haliburton Forest Wood Shop
44. Haliburton Village Railway Station
45. Minden Cultural Centre
46. R.D. Lawrence Centre
47. Winter Outfitter
48. Kids Camp
49. Maple Syrup

50. Antique Shops
51. Community Drum Circle
52. Amazing scenic photo op
53. Touch of History Tour
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55. Minden White Water Preserve
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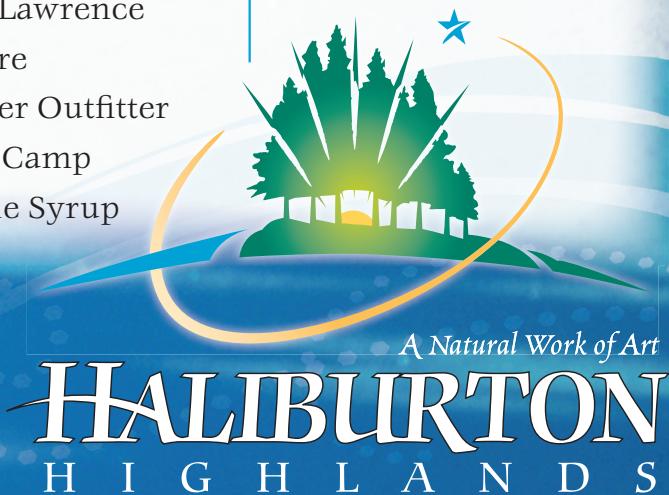
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Happy for holidays at ASES

Photos by Chad Ingram



The office at **Haliburton Veterinary Services** will be closed from **Dec 24th to Jan 2nd**. If you have an emergency please call **1-888-234-6801** The office will reopen on **Jan 3rd at 9am**. Please make sure you have enough medication and food. **Happy Holidays from all of our staff**

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Merry Christmas Everyone

Above left, Alex Little, John Bittner and Alexius Mills had the crowd in stitches with their Christmas comedy during an assembly at Archie Stouffer Elementary School on the morning of Dec. 23.

Above, Jordyn Greer and Dominic Smith donned some homemade holiday headgear as they performed alongside classmates.

A photograph of a blue tow truck with '24-HOUR TOWING' and 'WEST GUILFORD TOWING' printed on it. It is towing a maroon car on a flatbed. The background shows a wooded area.

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Below left, Danaya MacDuff, as Mrs. Claus, reacts to a joke about snowflakes and bird droppings told by Nathan Mischio, as Santa.

Far left, the choir sang renditions of classic Christmas songs.

Left, Brooklyn Spence and Jordy Schell recite a poem about Christmas bells to go with their painting.



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For a full job description contact Rick Cox at rcox@mindenhill.ca or 286-1936 xt 201.

Letters of application with a résumé should be clearly marked "Temporary Arena Operator Application" and dropped off at the Municipal Office or mailed to:
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If interested in this opportunity, please submit a resume in confidence by January 26, 2012 to:

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Legion helps out Hyland Crest

The Minden Legion recently donated \$3,000 to Hyland Crest, which will be used mainly for the transportation needs of residents. From left are residents Blanche MacIntosh, Johanna Cius and Lillian Harrison, Legion president Thelma Lee, caregiver Jocelyn Gurr, Legion poppy fund chairwoman Georgina Parkes and resident Pat Spain. /Submitted

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Bottle drive to keep dream alive

Craig Birchall seeks empties to help with entrance fee for Ride to Conquer Cancer

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Craig Birchall is hoping county residents will use their empty bottles to help fight cancer.

Birchall, who will be participating in Princess Margaret Hospital's Ride to Conquer Cancer in June, is looking for donations of empty bottles to help him raise the required \$2,500 entry fee.

"If there's bars or hotels or lodges that want to get involved and give a substantial donation of bottles . . . any donation over \$10 will get a tax receipt," Birchall said. "I'm fishing for ideas on how to raise money this year."

A bottle drive he organized at some area marinas during the summer proved fairly successful, he said, but he is way behind on his fundraising compared to last year.

Birchall took part in the 2011 event, which he said was one of the most moving experiences of his life.

"Last year was the most amazing ride I've ever done in my whole life," he said.

The trip is a two-day, 320-kilometre excursion from Toronto to Niagara.

"The second day was absolutely spectacular," Birchall said, explaining riders had left Hamilton and then snaked their way around the north shore of Lake Erie.

He met some amazing people riding in the event, including one woman who'd lost a leg to cancer.

His wife Jenny volunteered as part of the lunch-serving crew last year and will be lending a hand again at the upcoming ride.

"This is something we have made our life commitment to do," Birchall said. "It's a wonderful cause and a wonderful organization."

Birchall is willing to drive to pick up bottles and anyone interested in donated can email him at rideonforacure@hotmail.ca or call 705-286-6849.

In the 2011 ride, more than 4,500 participants raised some \$17.5 million for the Campbell Family Institute, the cancer research centre at Princess Margaret Hospital.

Right, Craig Birchall, right, and a friend enjoy a break during the 2011 Princess Margaret Hospital Ride to Conquer Cancer. Birchall intends to do the ride again in 2012 and is hoping county residents will help him raise the necessary \$2,500 by donating their empty bottles. /Photo submitted



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Hands-free solutions not created equal

Kelly Williams
QMI Agency

Under the distracted driving law in Ontario, drivers must use "hands free" technology when using cellphones to make calls or face a hefty fine ... if we are caught.

When the law came into effect, many of us went out and bought ear piece. I think I am now on my fourth one because I am the queen of losing these ear pieces (they get lost in the deep abyss known as my purse). I'm not in love with my earpiece because I can't find one to fit properly and it keeps wanting to fall out of my ear. I also feel like I can't hear very well with it even though I have the volume turned up high.

Since I don't like the speaker systems you can attach to your sun visor and none of my vehicles have the Bluetooth option, using an earpiece is my only option. However, I was recently in Alberta to give ladies car care clinics and my rental car had the Bluetooth connectivity so I decided to give it a try.

The Bluetooth connection that is becoming more prevalent on today's new vehicles allows you to pair a phone and works through the sound system (allowing you to keep both hands on the wheel while driving). Pairing my phone to the car only took a few minutes and was quite simple. I didn't even have to get the owners manual out. Soon after, I thought I would find out how good it worked since I was going to be doing a lot of driving while I was there.

Sometimes you don't know what you are missing until you experience it for yourself and I have now become a believer in Bluetooth systems in vehicles.

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Did Santa Forget???



We all know he is getting a little older and, well, can sometimes forget things. Perhaps you did not receive a **Highlands Summer Festival** Season Pass in your Christmas stocking. Well, there is still time to purchase yours at pre-Christmas prices. Passes are available by calling the Highlands Summer Festival Box office for details: **705-457-9933**. Five production pass--\$110. The Highlands Opera Studio Passes just \$67.50 for three performances. Call now, (before you forget), because the sale ends January 15.

Reads of the week

Book of the Week, Adult title:

11/22/63 by Stephen King
Nov. 22, 1963 was a rapid-fire sequence of indelible moments: shots ring out; a president slumped over; a race to the Dallas hospital; an announcement, blood still fresh on the First Lady's dress. But what if President John F. Kennedy didn't have to die; if somehow his assassin could have been thwarted? For Maine schoolteacher Jake Epping, those hypothetical what if's become real possibilities when he walks through a portal to the past. Get Stephen's King latest novel in print or talking book format at the Haliburton County Public Library.



Trafficking, Military Contractors and One Woman's Fight for Justice by Kathryn Bolko-vic. She read this book with her book club, which she runs monthly at the Stanhope Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library. The book club was in agreement that this is a fascinating but devastating story.

"The author provides us with a powerful insight into the corruption of the rebuilding of war torn countries,"

explains Schlotter. "We journey through Kathryn's experiences in post war Bosnia and Herzegovina, but the place could just as easily be Afghanistan or Iraq. The story continues to have a lot of currency today."

"This quick pace title is well written. There was even a movie based on the book released in 2010. I liked it, it's a fascinating story. It gives you a better understanding of why it takes so long to help people. It's not enough to just do good because there is so much corruption," says Schlotter. "The only thing I didn't like about [the book] is that unfortunately it is a true story."

If you'd like more information on the Stanhope branch book club, you can email wschlotter@haliburtonlibrary.ca.

News and Events

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Living with purpose during retirement takes more than financial security. Your retirement will be about more than just money, golfing and walking on the beach – your family, community, health and relationship with work will all play a part. And as we see here, financial planning may ensure your financial security in retirement – but living with purpose takes a different kind of planning. Getting – or getting more – connected to your community. There is a direct link between a person's social capital – that is, their level of civic participation and sense of cooperation in the community – and their perceptions of health, according to a 2008 Statistics Canada study. Those who felt more connected to their communities had increased self-esteem and a brighter outlook, positively impacting their physical health, and/or were taking up healthy habits like exercise and smoking less. The highest social capital rates were found among those over age 65 – 72 per cent of whom felt a strong sense of community. If increasing your community involvement is important to you, and you don't know where to begin, first consider an organization or organizations you'd like to support and arrange to meet with the volunteer coordinator, who can help you find an appropriate position for the amount of time you'd like to commit and the skills and experience you bring to the organization.

Staying fit. Without the demands of full-time work – or the “too busy to exercise” excuse – many retirees find new time to commit to health-related goals. It's important to stay active in your golden years, not only for the short and long-term physical benefits that exercise provides, but for the social and mental benefits as well.

Older adults should exercise 30-60 minutes a day, according to the Public Health Agency of

Canada. That doesn't have to mean intensive cardio-busting workouts, but almost anything physical: stretching when you wake up in the morning and before bed, taking the stairs instead of the elevator or walking to the store instead of taking the car. Talk to your doctor in advance of starting any new physical activity regime.

Finally find work/life balance. Many people who approach retirement find that their work is their life – or they have worked for years to hone their skills and expertise, and are reluctant to stop entirely. If this sounds like you, take transition steps before abruptly stopping work. Begin to transfer responsibilities several months or even years in advance, or move toward part-time or consulting roles.

Many people genuinely enjoy their careers, and are reluctant to give up such a fulfilling part of life. If this might be you, part-time and consulting work is an option that can take you further into retirement. Or perhaps this is an opportunity to pursue another type of work entirely, without the same pressure to succeed.

Living with purpose. It's difficult to plan how many years you will be enjoying your retirement, but many studies are showing that Canadians are living longer than before, and affluent Canadians longer than average.

So carpe diem. Your retirement is yours, and you have worked a lifetime to earn it. Well in advance of your retirement date, discuss with your spouse and family the changes in store and what kind of retirement you envision, so you can proceed into this new stage of life with promise – and purpose.

With all the options available to you, it can be easy to get overwhelmed by your own future. But you can make sure you're the one in the driver's seat. Talk to us today, and as your retirement goals and plans evolve.

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- Glass Design for Production *
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Dance into the new year at the Legion



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Around the Town

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By the time you read this column Bruce and I will be back at the old farmhouse having spent Christmas with all the family in Ajax. For the past three years David, Rita and Emma have kindly hosted the celebration at their house after the sheer logistics of everyone trying to fit the Kinmount trip into other obligations simply became unreasonable and on occasion even unsafe due to weather. After so many years it was hard to let go but new traditions are actually easier to start than might be thought. Our memories of snow filled fields and cheerful children helping to bring in the freshly cut tree were sometimes more like an idyllic Christmas card scene than reality. Christmas at

the farm was not always without frustrations. Sometimes after hiking in up the long, moonlit driveway through knee deep snow and finally getting excited little ones to bed how is it possible to have every reasonable battery size or drill bit on hand except for that particular one?

If you're still planning for New Year's Eve the Kinmount Legion branch 441 will be hosting its annual dance party on Saturday, Dec. 31 starting at 8 p.m. Dance in 2012 to musical favourites while enjoying a hot and cold buffet, favours and prizes all included in the \$15/person charge. The next day everyone, both members and non-members, is welcome to drop by the branch for the annual President's Levy at 2 p.m. hosted by President Mary Lou Ferguson.

If one of your new year resolutions is to get better organized then be sure to purchase a first edition Kinmount Calendar available at many local businesses. Filled with colourful photos many fun events are already highlighted including the community sleigh rides coming up on Saturday, Jan. 21 at the Pearson Hunt Camp on Galway Road.

Last year there was lots of snow and weather cold enough for gathering round the wood fire for hot chocolate plus. This is always a traditional country experience for the family fortunate enough to live here or for friends who come to visit.

Did you know that once again Ethan and Olivia are the most popular names for babies born in Ontario this year? In fact Ethan has been the top ranked name for boys for the past four years. Others on the 2011 list are Liam, Jacob, Lucas, Noah, Emma, Isabella, Sophia and Ava.

I am both delighted and frankly relieved that the advanced scouting parties for both chickadees and blue jays have finally appeared at the porch feeders. Their antics help to soften the long winter days and even the acrobatic squirrels are welcomed as comic relief. The image of young cat Jake staring out the kitchen window will hopefully not prove too much of a deterrent to the feathered flock.

Until next week every good wish as we ring out the old year and welcome in the new...

Enjoy some skiing on the Frost Centre trails



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The Frost Centre ski area now boasts 26 kilometres of trails groomed for classic skiing and the three warm-up cabins. Check out the new one-kilometre Sawmill Trail which is a connector to the Bear and Beaver Trails. This trail provides a "beginners" option from the bottom of the first Fox hill through the first half of the Bunny to a bridge across the creek that exits from Sand Lake. From this bridge the trail proceeds to the sawmill and connects with the Bear near the bottom of the Otter Slide. For an easy ski you can continue on the Bear past the Sugar Shack and connect with the Beaver. If you have come down the Otter Slide from the Bear Trail shelter you now have the option of returning to the parking lot via the sawmill. The sawmill was once an MNR demonstration project as was the Sugar

Shack.

For more information about the Frost Centre ski trails and other services provided by the Algonquin Highlands Trails Department, contact the office at 705-766-9033 or follow the links at <http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca>.

The Dorset Recreation Centre (and all Algonquin Highlands Municipal offices - Trails Department excepting) will be closing for the Christmas holidays starting at noon on Friday, Dec. 23 and reopening on Monday, Jan. 2, 2012.

The Dorset branch of the Haliburton County Public Library will be open on Wednesday, Dec. 28 from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, Dec. 29 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. even though the Recreation Centre is closed. The library will be closed on the rest of their regular days through that week.

That being said, you can still call 705-766-9968 and leave a message or send an email to drc@algonquinhighlands.com to sign up for the Winterfest Yoga classes (subsidized

by the Winterfest Legacy fund). There will be a four-week session offered Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. from Jan. 11 to Feb. 1, 2012. The cost is \$5 per person (normal fee is \$15) and all are welcome. A minimum is required for the program to run so if you are interested, please call to sign up to ensure the class is a go.

More subsidized classes including yoga at Club 35 and the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre and Tai Chi at the Dorset Recreation Centre will be offered through the winter and into the spring. Watch the news for details as the dates get closer.

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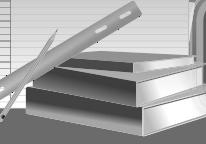


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The next Dorset Book Club takes place on Wednesday, Jan. 4 at 1 p.m. and the group will be talking about "Room" by Emma Donoghue. All are welcome. For more information, contact the library at 705-766-9969.

Birthday wishes for the week of Dec. 25 to 31 Hailey Pulfrey, Rebecca Arbuckle and Len Whitworth. Happy belated birthday to Caitlin Davies who celebrated on December 14. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

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Skaters from left to right are Alexius Mills, Madison Allaire, Skye Miscio and Shae MacNaull

On Saturday Dec. 3 Minden skaters Madison Allaire, Skye, Miscio and Shae MacNaull started off the Minden Skating Club's competitive season in Port Carling. Madison and Skye competed in introductory ladies and both girls received a Silver award for their efforts. These two also competed in team elements but due to injury one member of their team had to bow out, so the girls teamed up with a local skater Emily Bissonette (niece of local coach David Hollows) and they finished fourth. Shae MacNaull skated in preliminary ladies spins, and preliminary ladies elements finishing third in both events, and skated in Preliminary ladies solo where she finished second.

The following weekend Dec. 10, Alexius Mills competed in pre-preliminary ladies A finishing eighth, and Madison Allaire and Skye Miscio finished eighth and seventh in their respective flights. All girls had great skates. Shae MacNaull competed in preliminary ladies with a very strong personal best, and finished second. /Submitted by Jane Symons

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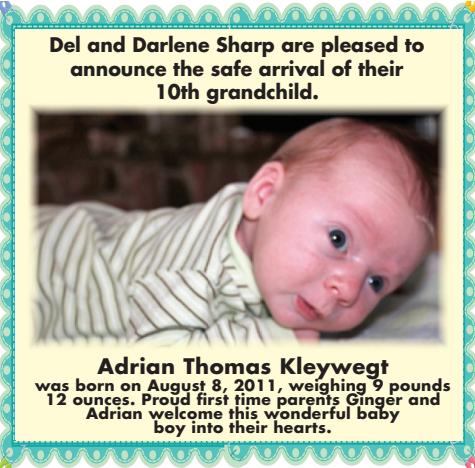
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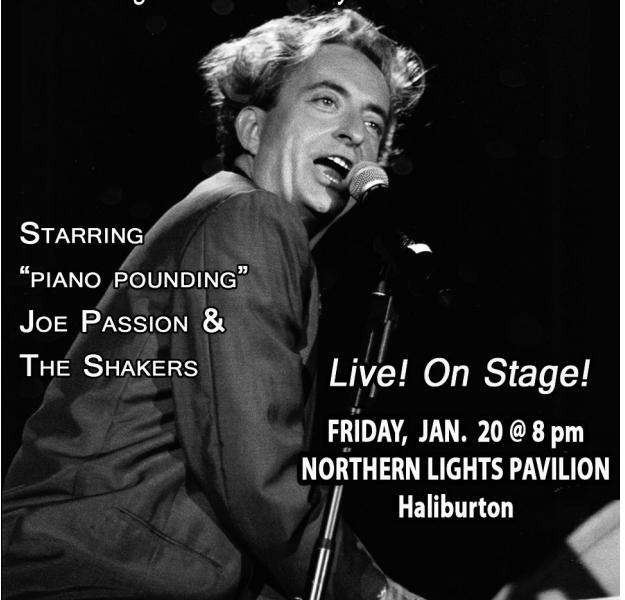
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Dec 21: OEYC Minden & Haliburton Christmas closure. Our last day open before Christmas will be December 21, re-opening on January 9. Starting January 2012, we will open at 9 am and close at 12:30 pm.

Dec 29: 2nd Annual Golden Slipper Music Era hosted by Haliburton County Historical Society. Located at Dysart Arena upstairs at 1:30p.m.

Dec 31 - Minden Legion Branch 636, New Year's Eve Celebration. Happy hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 8:00 p.m. (prime rib or chicken). DJ and karaoke after dinner. Tickets \$25 each (\$30 after Dec. 16). The Legion will be otherwise closed from December 24th to January 1st, open for business as usual on January 2 (and open New Year's Eve).

Jan 5 – Feb 25 Evidence at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden. Opening reception Saturday, January 14 at 1pm This is a group exhibition featuring photographers Ryan Szulc and Darren Lum exploring the role of photography today. Is the ultimate role of photography to document? Does society hold it as the true witness of our time? How much do we trust it? If it has become abused by technology is it just 'eye-candy' or is this what we as a society will be historically known as? This exhibition moves from shocking to stark realities that pull the viewer through a myriad of emotions. Laurie Carmont curator, 705-286-3763 gallery@mindenhillsc.ca, www.mindenculturalcentre.com

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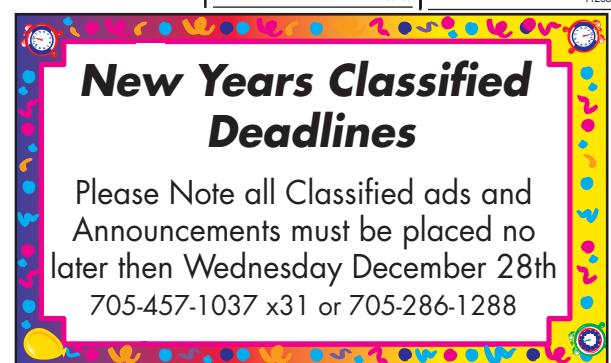
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CRAWFORD, Ann - 1955 - 2011 - With heavy hearts we announce the sudden unexpected passing of Ann Marie Crawford on Monday, December 19, 2011. Beloved wife of Roger Slaunwhite of over 30 years. Adored mother to their daughter Lacy Jae. Ann is survived by her siblings Brenda (Richard) Tryon, Susan Lee, Harold Dean, Judy (Brad) Kircher, Coralea Coulter (Jim Kiewer) and their respectful families. Loved by the many people she brought into her family: lifelong friend Susan Peterson and family, Veronica and Lily Osuch-Potter, Tracy Sutherland, and many others. Ann was predeceased by her mother Frances Crawford on October 1, 2011 and her father, Elmer Crawford in 1987. Ann instantly became a caregiver to all that she met including every type of animal. Ann enjoyed cooking, reading, traveling and had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. Ann was more than a dedicated mother, supporting her daughter Lacy Jae throughout cancer treatment and enthusiastically cheering her on through art school: a true mother, best friend, and champion. She loved to travel with her family, from trips to Australia to those weekends away in the RV or on the back of her beloved husband Roger's motorcycle. Ann was born in Minden, Ontario, where she grew up until moving to Calgary, Alberta in 1978. Her deepest passion was her family, from childhood her mother and siblings became her chosen responsibility. After moving to Calgary, Ann met the love of her life, Roger. Ann subsequently arranged for her Mother and younger siblings to join them in Calgary in 1979 where she took on the parental role to all. Ann and Roger had their only child, Lacy Jae, in 1982. Ann has had an amazing career with Cenovus (Encana & AEC) in oil & gas marketing. She was as dedicated to career as she was to her family and friends. Memorial Donations in Ann's name may be made directly to the Heart & Stroke Foundation of Canada (#100, 119-14 Street NW, Calgary, AB, T2N 1Z6) or to the following charities that she supported: Plan Canada, Young Adult Cancer Canada or MEOW Foundation. A Funeral Service will be held in the CHAPEL OF MOUNTAIN VIEW FUNERAL HOME on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. To email expressions of sympathy: mountainview@arbormemorial.com subject heading: Ann Crawford. Arrangements entrusted to MOUNTAIN VIEW MEMORIAL GARDENS, FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORIUM, 1605 - 100 Street SE ~ Google/GPS - 242013 Garden Road SE, Calgary, AB Tel: (403) 272-5555 www.mountainviewmemorial.ca

Deaths

PILLSWORTH, Hubert Jerome "Jerry"

After a brief illness, Jerry passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 at age 81. Devoted father of Laura and Lindsay, and loving grandfather to Gabriel. Jerry had made many friends in the Minden area during the 15 years he lived in the community. Many of you will remember him as the owner of the Steadman's store in Minden during the 1970's and in real estate in later years. Jerry was very involved in the community including the Rotary Club, Business Improvement Association and the summer fairs and winter carnivals. Jerry was an avid curler and golfer and met many people through these past times. Jerry continued to be in the community while spending time with his sister and brother in law, Phyllis and Jim Graham, formerly of Moore Lake. Jerry was a loving, gracious man with class and a great sense of humor who will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Online condolences and complete obituary - www.rosar-morrison.com

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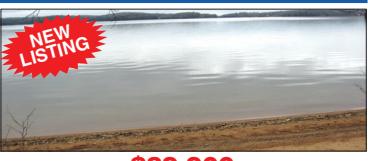


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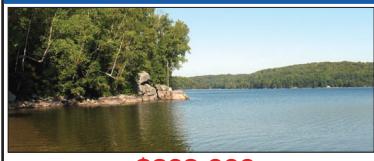
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